

## Centre for functional genomics

The Institute for Genomics Research (TIGR) in the United States, is planning to establish a Pathogen Functional Genomics Resource Centre (PFGRC) under a US\$25 million, five-year contract from the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases. PFGRC will centralize production, access and training in the use of a variety of resources for exploring the roles of genes and gene products (including proteins) in a significant number of disease-causing microbes. It will also have a multi-disciplinary laboratory, resource and teaching facility. PFGRC will provide scientists with centralized resources necessary to conduct functional genomics studies on a variety of pathogens and vectors for which genomic sequence information is currently, or will soon be, available. Near-term goals of the Centre include providing researchers with microarray and genotyping technology, along with access to clone sets, genomic DNA and type strains. TIGR's formidable bioinformatics capacity will provide the resources for data analysis and storage. PFGRC will develop a Centre-Client web-based interface that will make it easy for scientists to access and acquire resources. *Contact: Website: [www.PFGRC.tigr.org](http://www.PFGRC.tigr.org). (Website: [www.biospace.com](http://www.biospace.com))*